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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO (NESENSEN,
PAUL)

REF: STATE 194199, 253823 AND 257753

1. DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS: SUBJECT ALLEGED THAT HE WAS COERCED INTO SIGNING INCORRECT DECLARATION AT TIME OF ARREST. HOWEVER, IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THIS ALLEGATION WAS MADE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON NOVEMBER 5, FIVE MONTHS AFTER HIS ARREST AND AFTER HE HAD LOST APPEAL IN TORREON. ALLEGATION PROBABLY BEING USED AS DEFENSE STRATEGY. NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

2. PRISON CONDITIONS: NESENSEN COMPLAINS OF BAD LEG AND OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS IN CITY JAIL IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS WHERE HE IS FORCED TO SLEEP ON FLOOR. SAYS DAMPNESS IS ADVERSELY AFFECTING LEG FOR WHICH HE RECEIVES SSA DISABILITY. CONOFF HAS CONSISTENTLY PROTESTED TO PRISON DIRECTOR, MAYOR AND CHIEF OF STATE OF COAHUILA REHABILITATION. MOST RECENT PROTEST LODGED WITH MAYOR NOVEMBER 5 DURING ROUTINE CONSULAR VISIT. THE MATTER OF SUBSTANDARD PRISON CONDITIONS IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY ON SEPT 30, 1975, WHO IN TURN BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. ONE PROPOSAL TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION IS CONSTRUCTION OF MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL FOR AMERICANS IN PENITENTIARY PIEDRAS NEGRAS WHERE CONDITIONS WOULD BE IMPROVED AND PRISONERS WOULD BE PERMITTED EXERCISE IN SUNSHINE AND FRESH AIR. OTHER POSSIBILITY IS COMPLETION OF NEW SALTILLO PENITENTIARY JANUARY 1976 WHICH COULD PERMIT TRANSFER AMERICAN

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PRISONERS FROM MUNICIPAL JAIL. CONOFF WILL CONTINUE VIGOROUS

FOLLOW-UP IN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE INHUMANE CONDITIONS.

3. VISITATIONS: SUBJECT HAS BEEN VISITED MONTHLY. SUCH VISITS
WILL CONTINUE.

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